

REMARKS

Claims 39 to 70 are canceled without prejudice to filing in a continuing application. Claims 7, 8, 19, 20 and 28 to 38 are presently withdrawn. Thus, claims 1 to 6, 9 to 18 and 21 to 27 are currently pending.

Claims 7 and 18 have been amended to correct clerical errors. Claim 29 has been amended, as suggested by the Examiner, to overcome the lack of antecedent basis for the polycarboxylic acid. Claims 31 and 36 have been rewritten to depend from claim 1, without prejudice to presenting original claims 31 and 36 in a continuing application. Claim 37 has been amended to more definitely define the invention of amended claim 36.

Attorney for Applicants elects Group I, claims 1 to 6, 9 to 18 and 21 to 27, drawn to a composition comprising a) a ricinoleic acid component, b) an epoxy group-containing compound and c) a crosslinker, without traverse. The Examiner had grouped claims 29 and 30 in Group I. However, claim 29 includes polycarboxylic acid, which Attorney for Applicants believes the Examiner intended to include in Group IV, and claim 30 includes a diamine and was grouped in both Groups I and II.

In response to the requirement to elect among the patentably distinct species, Attorney for Applicants elects the following:

- a) ricinoleic acid,
- b) epoxidized vegetable oil,
- c) polycarboxylic acid, sebacic acid,
- d) methyl ethyl ketone peroxide crosslinking catalyst, powdered limestone filler
- e) isophoronediamine
- f) sebacic acid, and

g) sebacic acid.

Since claims 2 to 38 depend, directly or indirectly, on generic independent 1, if claim 1 is allowed claims 2 to 38 should be examined. Early consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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